

Remarks

In response to the communication transmitted July 1, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks. Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the telephone interview of October 2, 2003 and for his Summary of that interview of July 1, 2004 citing action items required from Applicant to gain allowance of the attached claims. In response to the requests of the Examiner:

- 1) Claims 16, 18, 20, 21, and 24 have been amended in accordance with the Draft Examiner's Amendment included with the aforementioned interview Summary.
- 2) The margins of drawings 1, 2, 6, and 8 have been corrected to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(g).
- 3) The original patent has been surrendered by inclusion with this Response.
- 4) A new Supplemental Declaration form covering the changes corresponding to sections 1) and 2) above is included with this response.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application is now in condition for allowance, and a notice to this effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, after these amendments, that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to call the Applicants' attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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